

Dear sirs,

I recently heard the results of an ARRL test where experimental BPL emissions were monitored. I was astounded by the apparent strength of the emissions, which appeared to pervade the whole 1 to 30 MHz band.

If this is typical of BPL emissions then short wave listening will become a thing of the past for most Americans. This includes individuals who listen to overseas radio broadcasts, commercial users of the HF bands as well as Radio Amateurs.

As a free nation we have never resorted to the jamming techniques, so popular with the communist block during the cold war as a way of preventing their populations hearing the truth.

However, it seems ironic, that if BPL is widely implemented in the United States, we will have effectively provided a jamming "curtain" preventing Americans from listening to information from outside the country which will be more effective than any the Soviets or their allies ever dreamt of!

In my opinion, deliberately generating this amount of Radio Frequency noise, pervading the whole of the HF spectrum, is nothing short of pollution of our environment, and is just as serious as any of the other forms of environmental pollution we are striving to prevent.

To my knowledge, the FCC along with various international bodies require that certain types of electronic and computer equipment comply with stringent emissions standards before they can be offered for sale. I hope these same standards will be rigorously applied to BPL should it be implemented.

My earnest hope is that the FCC refuse to license the use of BPL in it's present form for use on a large scale.

Thank you for your time.

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